

# Worship Outline

October 27, 2019

## Gathering

Prelude

*In Christ There Is No East or West*  
Wood

Introit

*There's a Holy Presence in This Place*  
Denton

+Call to Worship (responsive)

At the heart of faith  
a remodeling is going on.  
God has chosen always to renew,  
to turn what has been austere  
into that which is generous.

Let us gather within this transformation:  
moving us from thin faith  
to robust belief  
in a God who takes care of us  
through all times  
on the long journey of faith.  
Let us worship  
the one who is changing everything for love.

With God in this place we can find new hope.

**God work within us.**

With God in our hearts we can dream new dreams.

**God transform our dreaming.**

With God in our lives we can see new things happening.

**God inspire our living.**

Let us worship the transforming God.

**Amen.**

+Invocation

**We give you thanks**

**for all the ways that you bless our lives:**

**the beauty and abundance of nature,**

**the love of family and friends,**

**the joy of knowing you and hearing your word.**

**Send Your Spirit during this time of worship**

**so that we might dream your dreams**

**and see visions of the world as you created it to be.**

**Guide our thoughts and actions.**

**Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will**

**and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

+Hymn 401

*Here in This Place*

Prayer of Confession

We turn to God in prayer

not because we are compelled but because God invites us.

We come to God

not because of our righteousness but because of God's grace.

In that spirit, we offer this prayer of confession and unburdening.

**Loving God, we know that in every generation**

**you call forth prophets to proclaim your word.**

**We give you thanks that you are still speaking even today.**

Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation  
and elders to dream of a time not yet known.  
Yet we confess that we fail to hear your voice  
when it comes from an unexpected place.  
Convinced that we are right,  
we miss the Good News of your reconciling love.  
Forgive us, God.  
Restore us with humility and awaken us anew  
to your presence and your promise. Amen.

*Silence is kept.*

#### Assurance

The God of creation is a God of mercy.  
God is quick to forgive and God's promise of restoration is for all people.  
Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

#### Welcome and the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### Gathering Song 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Anthem

*Come Sing Songs of Joy*

Larson  
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Joel 2: 23-32

Let us pray...

A reading from the prophet, Joel. Let us listen for God's word.

23 O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. 24 The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. 25 I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. 27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. 28 Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. 30 I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. 32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

+Hymn 684

*Faith Begins By Letting Go*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Choral Prayer Response

*Draw Nigh to God*

Denton

Offering

Invitation

Sometimes we think what we have to offer doesn't matter. Somebody else will chip in. Somebody else has more to share. But our God knows the value of a few loaves and fishes shared, a lost coin claimed, one tiny seed planted from which a tree grows. Trust God with what you have to offer and see what God can do.

Offertory

*Adagio from Violin Sonata*

Beethoven

+Doxology 709

***God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.  
God, we worship and adore you.  
Take what we bring, offered to you.  
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.***

+Dedication

Good and generous God, receive our humble gifts, offered in hope and gratitude. Make something of them – and of us, so that the world will be surprised by your love and what we can offer them in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending

+Hymn 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

+Benediction and Blessing

Go into the world, renewed in hope and restored by God's vision.  
Go into the world to share God's grace and mercy.  
Go into the world and proclaim the Good News of what God has done for you.  
To that end, may the blessings of God be with you this day and forevermore. Amen.

+Congregational Benediction 549

***May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.  
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.  
May God's countenance shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.***

Postlude

*Enthroned In Majesty*  
Wilson